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Mrs. Dave E. Satterfield, Jr.  
Counselor on Women's Organizations  
Miller & Rhoads  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Satterfield:

Thank you very much for your letter of 7 September inviting me to speak before the Virginia Women's Forum on 3 November.

Much as I would like to join you on this particular occasion, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools, except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was very thoughtful of you to ask Mrs. Dulles to come with me and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your program.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED**

Allen V. Dulles  
Director

cc: Senator Byrd

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr.

This is indeed a worthwhile organization having on its membership Mrs. Colgate Darden, whose husband is on the President's Board of Consultants, Mrs. Douglas Southall Freeman, widow of the late historian and editor, Mrs. Walter S. Robertson, etc.

MILLER & RHOADS is the largest department store in Richmond and a series such as this gives them considerable publicity and by getting top-flight speakers they add to the prestige of their department store.

In view of Walter Robertson's interest, the Director and Mrs. Dulles may wish to accept. The date, November 3, coming just before the National Elections, might limit what the Director may say. I would therefore recommend that he decline.

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Stanley J. Grogan  
Assistant to the Director

Attach.

# Miller & Rhoads



RICHMOND CHARLOTTESVILLE ROANOKE LYNCHBURG

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA  
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September 7, 1960

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have been requested by the club women of Virginia to extend to you an invitation to come to Richmond and speak at their Virginia Women's Forum the afternoon of Thursday, November 3, 1960. I had a nice chat this morning with our mutual friend, Walter Robertson, who has been interested through the years in this Forum and he advised me that you were a warm personal friend of his and he, too, would like very much to have you accept our invitation.

The Virginia Women's Forum is not unlike the former Herald Tribune Forum. All of the larger federated women's clubs throughout Virginia are represented. The leadership of the clubs is invited by the State presidents. Each of the member clubs are allowed two tickets. Therefore, you will be speaking to the women who are leaders in the State and who will carry back to the grass-roots valuable information that is given them at this Forum. They represent more than twenty thousand women and you will be speaking to an audience of around twelve hundred.

This Forum has two sessions. The morning session takes place at the Richmond Women's Club, 211 East Franklin Street, and we have secured the following speakers:

Philip Adams - Director of the Cincinnati  
Art Museum  
"Art"

Muriel E. Reynolds (Mrs.) - Director of Stockholders  
Relations, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey  
"Women as Investors in American Business"

Maxime Berlitz Vollmer (Mrs.) - Philologist  
"The Power of Words"

Vincent Sheean - Author-correspondent  
"One Man's Appreciation of Life"

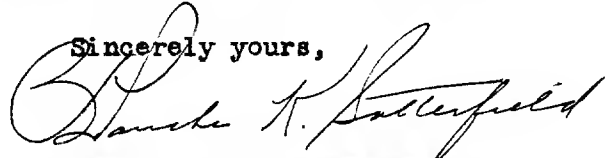
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Immediately following the morning session there is a luncheon at the Commonwealth Club and we would like to have you and Mrs. Dulles as our guests at this luncheon, which adjourns to the Miller & Rhoads Tea Room for the afternoon session starting at 3:15. There will be one other speaker on the afternoon program. We call it our national and inter-national afternoon. Each speaker is asked to stay within the limits of twenty-five minutes, and there will be no question period after the speeches unless we receive a request from the speaker.

I am enclosing some of the past programs which will give you an idea as to the caliber of the former speakers. We have been most fortunate to have secured such distinguished speakers as The Honorable Christian H. Herter; The Honorable Robert D. Murphy; His Excellency, Herve Alphand, Ambassador of France; The Honorable George Venable Allen, Director, United States Information Agency; Lewis L. Strauss, former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; and other notables whose names appear on the enclosed programs.

We would like very much to have you and Mrs. Dulles as our guests and should you be able to come for the morning session we will be delighted. There will be a reservation made at the Jefferson Hotel and we sincerely hope that you can accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Dave E. Satterfield, Jr.  
Counselor on Women's Organizations

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency  
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